

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 : (Canceled)

Claim 11 : (Currently Amended) A thermal recording sheet having a front thermal recording surface and a rear surface, comprising: a square and transparent film, said film being provided with a thermal recording layer containing leuco dye and a coloring agent and a protective layer mainly containing water-based resin on ~~one surface thereof~~ the front thermal recording surface, and having four corner portions; ~~including at least one marked corner portion~~, at the four corners ~~thereof~~ of the sheet, ~~said corner portions respectively~~ the four corner portions comprising at least one marked corner portion and an unmarked corner portion, each corner portion having an edge with a curvature radius of no less than 5 mm, ~~said~~ the at least one marked corner portion having ~~substantially~~ a substantially maximum ~~curvature radius or a~~ or minimum curvature radius different from the curvature radius of the unmarked corner portion, to differentiate between the front thermal recording surface and the rear surface based on the different configuration of the corner portions.

Claim 12 : (Previously Presented) The thermal recording sheet according to claim 11, wherein a pair of said marked corner portions are arranged oppositely to each other on one diagonal line of said thermal recording sheet.

Claim 13 : (Previously Presented) The thermal recording sheet according to claim 11, wherein all of said corner portions, except said marked corner portion having

the edge with the maximum curvature radius (R_{\max}), have an edge with approximately the same curvature radius (R), and the ratio (R_{\max}/R) of said maximum curvature radius (R_{\max}) to said curvature radius (R) is no less than 2.

Claim 14 : (Previously Presented) The thermal recording sheet according to claim 11, wherein said edge with the maximum curvature radius consists of an arc of less than a $\frac{1}{4}$ circle and each of the remaining edges consists of an arc of a $\frac{1}{4}$ circle.

Claim 15 : (Previously Presented) The thermal recording sheet according to claim 11, wherein each of the edges of said corner portions substantially smoothly connects to linear edges of a main body portion of said thermal recording sheet.

Claim 16 : (Currently Amended) The thermal recording sheet according to claim 11, further comprising a note indication for differentiating ~~front and back faces~~ the front thermal recording surface and the rear surface of said thermal recording sheet according to a position of said at least one marked corner portion.

Claim 17 : (Currently Amended) A thermal recording sheet pack, comprising:

a bundle of thermal recording sheets consisting of a stack of thermal recording sheets, each comprising ~~a square and transparent film, said film being provided with a thermal recording layer containing leuco dye and a coloring agent and a protective layer mainly containing water-based resin on one surface thereof, and having four corner portions, including at least one marked corner portion, at the four corners thereof, said corner portions respectively having an edge with a curvature radius of no less than 5 mm, said marked corner portion having substantially a maximum curvature radius or a minimum curvature radius~~ sheet having a front thermal recording

surface and a rear surface, each sheet comprising a square and transparent film, said film being provided with a thermal recording layer containing leuco dye and a coloring agent and a protective layer mainly containing water-based resin on the front thermal recording surface, and having four corner portions at the four corners of the sheet, the four corner portions comprising at least one marked corner portion and an unmarked corner portion, each corner portion having an edge with a curvature radius of no less than 5 mm, said the at least one marked corner portion having a substantially maximum or minimum curvature radius different from the curvature radius of the unmarked corner portion, to differentiate between the front thermal recording surface and the rear surface based on the different configuration of the corner portions;

a protective cover sheet covering substantially a whole of a lower surface of said bundle of thermal recording sheets, said protective cover sheet comprising:

a protective cover main body having approximately the same form as each of said thermal recording sheets of said bundle of thermal recording sheets and contacting with the lower surface of said bundle of thermal recording sheets;

a rear contact portion provided in standing position at one edge of said protective cover main body so as to contact with a rear end face of said bundle of thermal recording sheets in a sheet feed direction; and

a pair of side contact portions provided in standing position at a pair of edges perpendicular to said one edge of said protective cover main body so as to contact with both sides of said bundle of thermal recording sheets,

said thermal recording sheet pack further comprising:

a thin membrane band for holding said bundle of thermal recording sheets between said side contact portions of said protective cover sheet, said thin membrane band crossing over between said pair of side contact portions when said bundle of thermal recording sheets are placed on said protective cover main body, and contacting with at least outer side surfaces of said pair of side contact portions, and being pressed against a portion of an upper surface of said bundle of thermal recording sheets so as to hold said bundle; and

an annular thin membrane for holding the bundle of thermal recording sheets in the sheet feed direction, said annular thin membrane being placed so as to surround the outside of said protective cover sheet and said bundle of thermal recording sheets in said sheet feed direction when said bundle of thermal recording sheets is placed on said protective cover main body, and contacting with at least the outer sides of said rear contact portion, and being pressed against a front end face of said bundle of thermal recording sheets located oppositely to said rear contact portion, as well as at least a portion on the upper surface of said bundle of thermal recording sheets.

Claim 18 : (Previously Presented) The thermal recording sheet pack according to claim 17, wherein the height of a portion of said side contact portions of said protective cover sheet, said portion being covered with at least said thin membrane band, as well as the height of a portion of said rear contact portion of said protective cover sheet, said portion being covered with at least said annular thin membrane, are respectively smaller than the thickness of said bundle of thermal recording sheets.

Claim 19 : (Previously Presented) The thermal recording sheet pack according to claim 17, wherein two ends of said thin membrane band are respectively joined to the corresponding side contact portions, wherein said annular thin membrane is placed on the upper side

of said thin membrane band, and wherein a portion of said annular thin membrane is formed to be easily cut.

Claim 20 : (Previously Presented) The thermal recording sheet pack according to claim 17, wherein said protective cover sheet is formed of a plastic resin, and wherein said thin membrane band and said annular thin membrane are formed of a film.